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- 1. VANCOUVER SUN EDITORIAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, DECLARES THE CANADA U.S. GAS PIPELINE NEGOTIATION "A MOST AMAZING AFFAIR", SOMEWHAT "AKIN TO TAXIING TOWARD THE RUNWAY WHILE WATCHING AN AEROSPACE ENGINEER BOLT ON THE LEFT WING ACCORDING TO A DRAWING MADE WITH A BLUNT PENCIL ON THE SIDE OF A SCRAP OF LUNCH BAG."
- 2. EDITORIAL TICKS OFF THE BASIC U.S. AND CANADIAN INTERESTS SATISFIED BY THE NEGOTIATIONS AND FINDS THE AGREEMENT "SENSIBLE AND BASICALLY SOUNDBETTER, IN FACT, THAN WE MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN SIX WEEKS AGO". EDITORIAL ALSO FINDS THAT BENEFITS TO B.C. ARE CLEAR IN TERMS OF JOBS IN THE NORTH AND THE PROSPECT OF MORE JOBS LATER WHEN A DECISION IS MADE TO EXPAND PIPELINE TO MOVE ALASKAN GAS TO THE U.S. WEST COAST.
- 3. SUN EDITORIAL ENDS WITH A CAVEAT, HOWEVER: "IT REMAINS FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WILL ACTUALLY GET OFF THE RUNWAY. THE RIVAL -- THE EL PASO SYSTEM -- IS STILL SITTING THERE, SEATBELTS FASTENED. IF IT DOESN T LOOK AS GOOD AS IT USED TO, UNCLASSIFIED

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